

IN THE MATTER OF * **BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE**
DEVON LOUIS WADE * **BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION**
APPLICANT * **OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE**
CASE NUMBER: 19-002 * **PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS**
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CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND

On or about May 1, 2018, Devon Louis Wade (the “Applicant”) submitted an initial certification application for Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioner to the Maryland Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals (the “Board”). The Applicant disclosed to the Board that he had a criminal history. Upon receipt of that information, the Board requested that the Applicant submit a narrative explanation of his criminal history. On June 15, 2018, the Applicant submitted a narrative statement to the Board and provided supporting documentation regarding his arrests, charges, and convictions.

Based upon the Applicant’s certification application, the court documents acquired during the Board’s investigation, and the Applicant’s narrative statement, the Board voted to offer a Consent Order of Reprimand to the Applicant, in lieu of issuing Charges for violations of the Maryland Residential Child Care Program Professionals Act (the “Act”), H.O. § 20-101 *et seq.* Specifically, the Board finds that the Applicant violated H.O. §§ 20-313(b)(4) (“Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside”). As a result of that offer, the Applicant and the Board agreed to the following

Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. On or about May 1, 2018, the Applicant submitted to the Board an initial certification application for Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioner (the "Application").
2. On the Application, the Applicant answered "YES" to Question 4: "Have you pled guilty, to, [sic] nolo contendere, been convicted of, or received probation before judgment for any criminal act (excluding misdemeanor traffic violations)?"
3. Court records obtained by the Board show that on or about May 16, 2005, in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Maryland, the Applicant pled guilty to and was convicted of misdemeanor possession of marijuana and providing false information to law enforcement, a crime of moral turpitude.
4. In addition, the Board conducted a Maryland Judiciary Case Search of the Applicant's name and date of birth as part of the application processing procedures. The search revealed that on or about June 13, 2016, in the Circuit Court for Washington County, Maryland, the Applicant pled guilty to and was convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol (DWI). The Applicant was sentenced to twenty (20) days incarceration.
5. On or about June 15, 2018, in response to a request from the Board, the Applicant submitted a narrative listing his criminal history. The Applicant failed to mention in his narrative the 2016 DWI conviction.

- (4) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the request by the Applicant for certification to practice as a residential child and youth care practitioner in the State of Maryland is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Board shall **ISSUE** to the Applicant a certification to practice as a residential child and youth care practitioner in the State of Maryland; and it is further

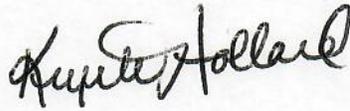
ORDERED that the certification of the Applicant to practice as a residential child and youth care practitioner in the State of Maryland is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Applicant shall comply with the Maryland Residential Child Care Program Professionals Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 20-101 *et seq.*, and all federal and State laws and regulations governing the practice as a residential child and youth care practitioner in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that this document is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** under Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-101, *et seq.*

1/11/19

Date



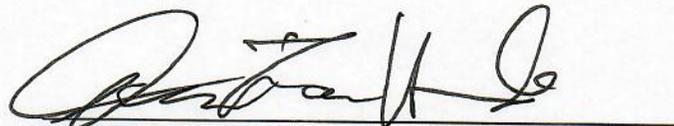
Krystal Holland, Chair
Maryland State Board for the Certification of Residential
Child Care Program Professionals

CONSENT

By this Consent, I acknowledge that I have read this Consent Order in its entirety and I hereby admit the truth of the Findings of Fact and accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to legal counsel authorized to practice law in Maryland, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to request subpoenas for witnesses, to call witnesses on my own behalf, to introduce testimony and evidence on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I waive these rights, as well as any appeal rights under Maryland Code Annotated, State Government Article § 10-222.

I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with an attorney, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, terms, and effect of this Consent Order.

1/4/2018
Date


Devon Louis Wade

NOTARIZATION

STATE: Maryland

CITY/COUNTY: Washington

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4th day of January, 2018, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared **Devon Louis Wade** and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order of Reprimand was the voluntary act and deed of **Devon Louis Wade**.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and Notarial Seal.

SEAL

Oliver G. Finis

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/22/21